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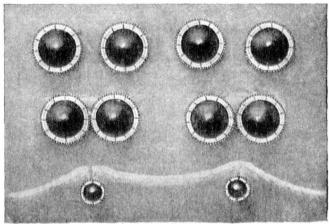
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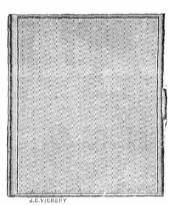
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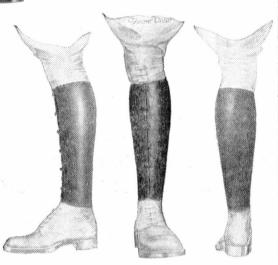
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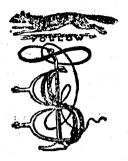
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These provisional Dress Regulations are not intended to supersede Dress Regulations, 1911, which are under revision and will continue to be the authority for dress matters not included herein.

This publication is for the guidance of all concerned as a temporary measure pending publication of the revised edition of Dress Regulations, 1911.

By Command of the Army Council,

THE WAR OFFICE,

4th October, 1928.

SECTION I

General Instructions.

- 1. Commanding officers are forbidden to introduce or to sanction any deviation from the sealed patterns of dress, clothing, equipment and badges. They will be responsible for the cost of replacing or restoring to the approved pattern any articles worn in their units which may be found not to be in conformity therewith.
- 2. When obtaining uniform and equipment, officers should make sure, by personal comparison if necessary, that articles according to sealed pattern are being supplied.
- 3. Sealed patterns of garments, buttons, lace, embroidery, badges of rank, special badges, devices, horse furniture and appointments are deposited at the War Office for reference and guidance. Duplicates of the sealed pattern badges are in possession of officers commanding regiments, battalions, and infantry depôts.

4. No unauthorized ornament or emblem is to be worn when in uniform, but special emblems may be carried on the head-dress on anniversaries, provided War Office authority has been obtained.

- 5. Officers on leave from abroad are to be in possession of uniform for use if detailed for duty in this country or on the return voyage. Officers while in foreign countries are not to wear uniform without having obtained the permission of His Majesty's representative, which will be granted only when they are employed on duty, or attending Court, or at State ceremonies to which they have been invited. Permission to wear uniform at foreign manœuvres can only be obtained from the War Office.
- 6. Officers on leave from, or under orders for, stations abroad, may wear the foreign pattern headdress.
- 7. Regulation uniform must not be worn at fancy dress balls, but there is no objection to military uniform of obsolete pattern being worn on such occasions.

8. The provision of service dress, undress (see para. 14), and mess dress is compulsory for all officers of the Regular Army.

- 9. The provision of full dress uniform, except for officers of the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards, is at present optional, but officers in possession of the full dress uniform of their rank will wear it when attending Courts, Levées and Investitures.
- 10. Officers not in possession of full dress uniform of their rank when attending Courts, State Balls or other evening entertainments at Court, will wear the alternative court dress described below:—

COAT—Ordinary black evening dress.

WAISTCOAT—White evening dress.

Breeches—Plain black evening dress material or stockinet, with three small black cloth or silk buttons, and small jet or black buckles at the knee.

Hose-Black silk.

SHOES—Plain court, with bows—no buckles.

TIE-White evening dress bow.

- 11. Details regarding the pattern of mess dress are contained in Dress Regulations, 1911, except in the case of certain corps formed during or since the Great War, details of which are shown in Section III. of this publication.
- 12. When service dress is worn on parade or duty, officers will wear the breeches and boots as laid down for the respective services. Service dress trousers and shoes will not be worn on parade or duty except at stables and on fatigue duties in barracks, or when officers are employed in offices.

At stations abroad where khaki drill is worn, it is left to the discretion of G.Os.C. to authorize such modifications to the above instructions as may be considered necessary owing to climatic conditions.

13. Staff officers belonging to a regiment or corps will, in service dress, wear the uniform prescribed for mounted officers of their unit with the appropriate armlet (see para. 106).

In full dress they will wear regimental uniform with the addition of an aiguillette (see para. 104).

14. Orders of dress are laid down in King's Regulations. The order of dress "Undress Order" previously authorized in Dress Regulations, 1911, (Frock Coat, &c.), is now applicable only to general officers, brigadiers, substantive colonels, officers of the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards, Directors of Music and officers holding personal appointments to His Maiesty the King and members of the Royal Family.

to His Majesty the King and members of the Royal Family. In all other cases the "undress" formerly prescribed (Frock Coat, &c.) is abolished, but a new order of "undress" has been approved for wear as may be specially ordered (see King's Regulations—Order of dress, "No. 7B Undress.")

- 15. The order of dress referred to in Dress Regulations, 1911, as "Review Order, Staff in blue" is abolished.
- 16. (i) Officers who served during the Great War and who have relinquished their commissions with permission to retain their rank are permitted to wear uniform on special occasions, when attending ceremonials and entertainments of a military nature, and on occasions when the wearing of uniform would appear appropriate.

The uniform will normally be restricted to service dress, and will be that of the unit or of the general list to which the officer

belonged when he relinquished his commission or was demobilized. The badges of rank will be those of the rank retained by an officer when he quitted the service. Badges of rank of a general officer will only be worn with the uniform prescribed for that rank.

These rules are not to be interpreted as granting permission for the wearing of uniform generally and on all occasions.

The letter "R" will be worn below badges of rank on all shoulder straps; except in the case of officers who belonged to a Territorial Army unit, who will wear the letters "T.R."

Uniform may not be worn at meetings of a political nature.

(ii) The conditions regarding (i) the wearing of service dress uniform will also be applicable in the case of retired officers of the Regular Army, Militia, Special Reserve and Territorial Army (including Volunteer Officers), also for Officers of the Reserve of Officers—as well as those of the T.A. Reserve and Supplementary Reserve, who have retired with permission to retain their rank and wear uniform.

As regards the wearing of full dress by officers in possession of such uniform, see para. 9.

17. Retired officers of the Regular Army, officers of the Militia and Special Reserve retired under the provisions of para. 123, Regulations for the Militia, 1911, and officers of the Territorial Army retired under provisions of para. 140, Territorial Army Regulations, 1924, are permitted to wear, on appropriate occasions, mess dress of the unit in which they last served. In the case of general officers, brigadiers, and substantive colonels, the uniform of their rank will be worn. The letter "R" will be worn below badges of rank, "T.R." in the case of officers who belonged to the Territorial Army.

This permission does not apply to demobilized officers who held temporary commissions during the Great War and who had not previously retired under the provisions of the regulations mentioned.

- 18. Ex-officers and retired officers who are high sheriffs and who are permitted to wear military uniform on certain special occasions, may also wear such uniform when discharging their duties as high sheriffs.
- 19. The R.A.F. badges for pilots and observers are peculiar to the Royal Air Force and will not be worn by officers in army uniform.
- 20. Silver war badges, wound stripes and chevrons denoting service in the Great War will not be worn.
- 21. Patches of regimental pattern are permitted to be worn on the khaki foreign service helmet.
- 22. Officers attending military funerals will wear the sword if the sword forms part of their authorized dress.

SECTION II

Details of Dress and Uniform.

23. BADGES OF RANK.—The rank of officers is shown by badges as under:—

Field-Marshal—Crossed batons on a wreath of laurel, with a crown above.

General—Crossed sword and baton, with crown and star above.

Lieutenant-General—Crossed sword and baton, with crown above.

Major-General—Crossed sword and baton, with star above. Brigadier.—Crown above three stars, the two lower stars side by side.

Colonel—Crown and two stars below.

Lieutenant-Colonel—Crown and one star below.

Major-Crown.

Captain—Three stars.

Lieutenant-Two stars.

Second-Lieutenant-One star.

Badges of rank will be worn on all shoulder cords and shoulder straps. They will be in silver embroidery on gold shoulder cords and gold-laced shoulder straps, and in gold embroidery on the frock-coat. In service dress the badges of rank will be in gilt metal; in Rifle Regiments, they will be in black metal. In the Foot Guards special designs of badges are authorized.

The crowns when laid on shoulder cords or shoulder straps are 1-inch broad and 1-inch in height; the stars are 1-inch

between opposite points.

The batons forming part of the Field-Marshal's badges will be in embroidery and crimson velvet. On the service dress jacket the badge is smaller and in gilt metal; the crown being embodied in the design of the badge.

General officers' badges are worn in pairs, point of sword to the front and edge of blade outwards or towards the arm.

The sword is two inches long and the baton $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch shorter.

Officers having brevet, local, temporary, or honorary rank wear the badges of that rank.

24. Belt, "Sam Browne."—The universal pattern "Sam Browne" belt, in brown leather, with two braces, revolver case, ammunition pouch, frog and brown leather scabbard is worn in all branches of the service. The belt will be worn by officers on all occasions with service dress uniform, and at least one brace will always be worn with the belt. The frog will be worn whether the sword is worn or not.

- 25. Belts, Sword.—As described in Dress Regulations 1911, for the respective services in which they are worn. Sword belts will be worn as follows:—
 - (a) Under the tunic or full dress jacket, by all mounted officers (except those of Highland and Scottish regiments including Scottish Rifles) and by all officers of Rifle regiments (excluding Scottish Rifles). Over the tunic or doublet by all other officers.

(b) Over the frock coat.

- (c) The web belt will be worn by officers of all branches of the service who wear the sword belt under the tunic. With the frock-coat it is worn under the waist sash. Slings will be fitted with studs and holes so that they can be removed from the belt. In cases where a sash (or girdle) is not authorized and the web belt (with slings attached) is worn underneath, the waist belt will be worn over the tunic.
- (d) With the serge frock (order of dress "No. 7B Undress") the "Sam Browne" belt with frog and one brace will be worn.

26. Boots.—

Service dress

- (i) Mounted officers-Field-marshals, general officers, brigadiers, substantive colonels, officers of cavalry, R.A., Foot Guards and R.A.V.C. will wear brown field boots of sealed pattern. These boots have soft legs stiffened to a depth of 4 to 6 inches from the top, laced at the instep with 7 to 9 pairs of eyeletholes, at the option of the officer; plain toe-caps; horizontal counter in line with the third lace-hole from the bottom and about $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches above the top of the heel; a leather garter at the top of the leg. The provision of spur rests is optional; a gusset with strap and buckle at the top of the boot is also optional. Other mounted officers will wear brown ankle boots with leggings, except the Royal Tank Corps who will wear black ankle boots and black leggings.
- (ii) Dismounted officers—Brown ankle boots with plain toe-caps, except in the Royal Tank Corps when black boots will be worn.
- (iii) For footwear in Highland and Scottish regiments, see para. 54.
- 27. Breeches, Mounted Pattern.—General officers, brigadiers, substantive colonels, officers of mounted units and mounted officers of dismounted units—drab coloured Bed-

ford cord or Cavalry twill of sealed pattern cut and shade, with drab coloured buckskin strappings; a small horn button about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the bottom of each leg at the back for attachment to the legging or field boot. The breeches to reach about 6 inches below the knee, fairly loose over the hip and thigh with a good fullness in the top half over the knee. Fly front, two cross pockets; buckle and strap at the back.

Openings at bottom of legs about 5 inches long with eyeletholes for laces on either side or buttons and button-holes. The top eyelet-holes or buttons and button-holes to be about $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch from the top of the opening, the other eyelet-holes or buttons and button-holes to be $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch apart. It is optional for button-holes and buttons or eyelet-holes and laces to be worn, but all officers of a unit for whom these breeches are authorized must wear the same pattern and material.

28. Breeches, Knickerbocker.—Drab material to match the service dress jacket of sealed pattern cut and shade; to be cut fairly loose round the hips; continuations of same material about three inches deep which may at option be fastened with buttons and button-holes or with a strap and buckle. Any superfluous material at the bottom should be fulled on all round when seaming on the continuations. The fall over at the knee must not exceed four inches. Fly fronts, the top button being on the inside of fly while the button-hole for same is just behind the button catch seam. Two side pockets; buckle and strap at back; waist lining of drab flannel.

29. CAP, COMFORTER.—Brown silk, similar to the pattern for rank and file.

30. CAP, FORAGE.—Universal pattern.—

Cloth, with three cloth welts, $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches total depth, diameter across the top $10\frac{3}{8}$ inches for a cap fitting $21\frac{3}{4}$ inches in circumference, the top to be $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch larger or smaller in diameter for every $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch the cap may vary in size of head above or below the before-mentioned standard, e.g., a cap $22\frac{1}{4}$ inches in circumference, diameter across the top $10\frac{5}{8}$ inches; cap 21 inches in circumference, diameter 10 inches. The sides to be made in four pieces, and to be $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches deep between the welts, a cloth band $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide placed between the two lower welts. The colours of the bands and welts are as described in Dress Regulations, 1911, and in Section IV of this publication.

The cap set up on a band of stiff leather, or other material,

13 inches deep, but not stiffened up in front.

Chin-strap of black patent leather \(\frac{3}{8}\)-inch wide, buttoned on to two \(\frac{1}{2}\)-inch gilt buttons placed immediately behind the corners of the peak.

The peak to droop at an angle of 45 degrees, and to be 2 inches deep in the middle when worn with embroidery, and $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches when plain.

Peaks will be embroidered as follows:-

Field-Marshals and General Officers.—Two rows of gold oakleaf embroidery on lower edge.

Brigadiers and Substantive Colonels.—One row of gold oakleaf embroidery on lower edge.

Field Officers (below the rank of Substantive Colonel) (except Rifle Regiments) and Officers of Household Cavalry and Foot Guards. Plain gold embroidery 3-inch wide, on lower edge.

Field Officers of Rifle Regiments.—Black oakleaf embroidery on lower edge.

Other Officers.—Plain peak.

In no circumstances will the forage cap be worn with service dress uniform, except by general officers, brigadiers, substantive colonels, officers of the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards. Forage and service dress caps will be placed evenly on the head.

- 31. COVERS TO FORAGE CAPS.—Worn by general officers, brigadiers, and substantive colonels in service dress. Drab material, and should cover the top of the cap only. The distinctive band also the peak and badge will not be covered. A white cap cover will be worn when the forage cap is worn in white mess order at stations abroad.
- 32. CAP, GLENGARRY.—(Highland and Scottish regiments). Shape similar to that worn by non-commissioned officers and men, bottom of cap bound with black silk. Officers of Highland regiments are permitted to wear the Glengarry cap with service dress, except when other ranks are wearing the Tam O'Shanter.
- 33. CAP, TAM O'SHANTER.—(Highland and Scottish regiments.) Similar to the pattern worn by non-commissioned officers and men.
- 34. CAP, SERVICE DRESS.—(a) Stiff pattern, of the same shape as the forage cap but of drab material to match the service dress; brown leather chinstrap; two bronze buttons. (b) Soft pattern, of the same shape as the stiff pattern, but with a flexible peak, and not wired round the top of the cap.

The soft pattern cap (and the Tam O'Shanter in Scottish regiments) is carried or worn on active service, at training and on manœuvres.

35. COLLARS.—Soft collars of sealed pattern cut and shade must be worn with service dress. All officers of a unit must wear the same material. White strip collars are worn with the serge frock (para. 36); they must not show more than 1-inch above the uniform.

36. Frock, Serge. — Blue angola, tartan, or serge, according to climate, full in chest, cut with broad back, slits at sides, five small buttons down the front, length of skirt as for tunic. Two breast patch pockets outside, $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, 8 inches deep, the top edge of pocket in line with the second button, three-pointed flap, small button and hole, loose plait on the rear side of the pocket, two similar outside patch pockets below, with a three-pointed flap. Two inside breast pockets up and down with hole and button, two inside skirt pockets, with hole and button. Black alpaca lining. Shoulder straps of the same material as the frock, fastened with a small button. Stand-up collar from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches high. Sleeves with pointed cuffs 6 inches high, with $2\frac{1}{4}$ -inch slit, two small buttons and button holes. Badges of rank in metal. No collar badges.

In rifle regiments the frock will be dark green, and in Highland and Scottish regiments the front of the skirts will be rounded off to Highland pattern.

- 37. Officers in possession of the serge frock "B" as described in para. 28, Dress Regulations, 1911 (i.e. with open front and turn down collar) will be permitted to continue them in wear until requiring replacement, but all future provision must be of the pattern laid down in para. 36 above.
- 38. GLOVES.—Service dress.—Brown dogskin or buckskin. All officers of a unit must wear the same pattern.
- 39. Great Coat, Universal Pattern.—Drab mixture cloth, milled and waterproofed, of sealed pattern cut and shade; double breasted, to reach to the point of the knees, 18 to 20 inch slit at the back, with small saddle flap. Turn down collar 2½ inches deep, with lapel and step, fastening with one hook and eve. Four large buttons on each side, three to button and one under turn. Two bottom pockets with flap; one inside breast pocket at each side; a sword slit on the left side; loose turn back cuffs of single material 4½ inches deep; shoulder straps of the same material as the garment, fastened with small buttons. Badges of rank and buttons in gilt metal (except for Rifle Regiments and the Royal Army Chaplains Dept., which use black buttons and badges); in the Foot Guards, leather buttons in place of metal. The collar is provided with a cloth tab to button across the opening at the throat when required. The coat is lined with drab flannel.

This coat will be worn by all officers in service dress uniform except as stated in para. 40.

40. GREAT COAT, ATHOLL GREY.—Milled cloth of sealed pattern cut and shade; double breasted, 2 cross pockets,

pivot sleeves, 6 buttons on either side, 8 to 10 inches apart at the top and 4 to 6 inches at the bottom, lined with scarlet ratinet. Plain cloth shoulder straps fastened with a small button. Sword slit and flap at the side.

This pattern is authorized for general officers, brigadiers, substantive colonels and officers of the Foot Guards. It will be reserved for wear on occasions other than when service dress is worn, except that in the Foot Guards it will be worn when the blue forage cap and buff-equipment are worn with service dress uniform on drill and ceremonial parades.

41. JACKET, SERVICE DRESS.—Drab material of sealed pattern cut and shade; single-breasted cut as a lounge coat to the waist with back seam, loose at the chest and shoulders, but fitted at the waist; military skirt to bottom edge; opening at back from bottom of garment to waist line, length of skirt 13 inches for a man 5 feet 9 inches, varying in proportion to height, step collar, depth of opening about 3 inches, two cross-patch breast pockets above, 61 inches wide and 7½ inches deep to the top of the flap, box plait in centre 2½ inches wide, three-pointed flap 6½ inches wide and 2½ inches deep, two expanding pockets below the waist at the sides, 9½ inches wide at the top and 10½ inches at the bottom, 8 inches deep to the top of the pocket and fastened at the top with a small button flap with button-hole to cover pockets 3½ inches deep, 10½ inches wide. The top of the pockets should be sewn down at the corners in such a manner that on service the pocket can be expanded at the top also; inside watch pocket with a leather tab above for chain or strap. Four large regimental buttons down the front. To be lined or not as required, with lining of similar colour to the jacket. Pointed cuffs 2½ inches wide rising to 6 inches at the point. Badges of rank in metal on the shoulder straps. Shoulder straps of the same material as the jacket, fastened with a small regimental button. No special material is specified, but all officers of a unit must be dressed alike.

In Highland and Scottish regiments the front of the skirts will be rounded off to Highland pattern; the sleeves will be of gauntlet shape. In the Foot Guards a special pattern is authorized.

- 42. Jacket, Khaki Drill.—Worn at stations abroad; pattern as described in para. 41.
- 43. Leggings.—With service dress and khaki drill, mounted officers, other than those who wear the field boot, will wear brown leather leggings of sealed pattern, fastening up the front with laces and six studs. In the Royal Tank Corps black leggings will be substituted for brown.

For Highland and Scottish regiments, see para. 54.

- 44. MOURNING BAND.—Crape 3½ inches wide, worn on the left sleeve, midway between the elbow and the shoulder. Instructions regarding the wearing of mourning bands are laid down in King's Regulations.
 - 45. Overalls, Brown Drill.—

JACKET

Material: Brown drill.

Pattern: Patrol shape, no openings at the bottom of the side-seams, one cut at the top of each forepart.

Collar: Stand collar of body material, lined with the same material 13/4 in. deep, square at front, and fastened with two hooks and eyes, fitted with brown drill tab.

Shoulder straps: Of body material, $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide at base, and rounded at the top.

Pockets: Two plain patch pockets on hips, 7½ in. wide, 7 in. deep.

Sleeves: With pointed cuffs of the same material on the top side of the sleeve only, 6 in. and $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. deep at the centre and sides respectively.

TROUSERS

Material: Brown drill.

Pattern: Fly front, with two side pockets, metal buttons, permanent turn-up at the bottom.

These overalls may be obtained from the R.A.O.C. on repayment. Measurements should be shown on indents.

- 46. PUTTEES.—Woollen, to match the colour of the service dress or khaki drill.
- 47. Shirts.—Shirts of drab material will always be worn with service dress and khaki drill jackets.
- 48. Spurs—Steel.—The pattern is made of stainless steel. The maximum length of the neck of the spur is 1½ inches and the minimum length 1 inch, the sides of the neck are flat.

With butcher boots, field boots and ankle boots, spurs of above sealed pattern will be worn; with butcher boots, steel chains and black strap; with black ankle boots, black straps and shield (no chains); with brown field and ankle boots, brown straps and shield (no chains); with Wellington boots, box spurs with plain rowels.

Spurs will be worn in full dress and service dress by all general officers, brigadiers, substantive colonels, staff officers, officers of mounted services, field officers and adjutants of all services, and officers permanently in command of companies

of infantry.

Box spurs will be worn in mess dress, undress, and at levées and courts, when Wellington boots are worn, by the above mentioned officers.

Spurs will not be worn on board ship when travelling, or by officers inspecting armaments or magazines.

In the Foot Guards, brass spurs and chains will be worn.

49. Swords.—The pattern laid down for the arm of the service (App. VI, Dress Regulations, 1911).

Swords will be carried on active service and in "marching order" by officers serving with cavalry regiments only. Subject to this proviso, swords will be carried on parades and duties unless otherwise directed. They will not be worn on board ship, at mess or at stables. Swords, when carried in a mounted "order of dress" will be carried on the saddle as laid down in "Cavalry Training," except in "full dress."

- 50. Sword Knots.—Worn loose in *all* orders of dress by mounted officers. Other officers will wear the sword knot neatly coiled round the guard of the sword.
- 51. Ties.—A drab tie of correct shade will be worn with the service dress and khaki-drill jackets. All officers of a unit will wear the same material and shape. It will be fastened in a sailor's knot. A plain gold safety pin may be worn under the drab tie to keep the soft collar in place.
- 52. WATERPROOF COAT.—The coat is of waterproof drab cotton twill. It is double-breasted, fastening with bone buttons, reaching to the knees; it has two cross pockets with flaps below the waist, a slit in the skirt, with saddle-flap.

The waterproof coat is an optional garment, and is not worn in any order of dress.

Officers in possession of waterproofs of obsolete pattern may continue them in use until worn out.

- 53. Whistles.—There is no sealed pattern, but all the officers of a unit should carry the same pattern. They will be attached to a lanyard of the colour of the service dress (except that in English Light Infantry regiments the lanyards will be green) and carried in mounted services, when on duty with troops; in dismounted services, when in marching or in drill order.
- 54. Dress of Officers of Highland and Scottish Regiments.—Whilst the introduction of full dress remains in abeyance, the following modifications in the service dress uniform of officers of Highland and Scottish regiments are approved:—

| Dismounted Officers | Ceremonial parades | Sporran. Black leather shoes. White spats. Regimental hose tops. | Tartan trews. Black boots. White spats. | Strapped tartan trews. Wellington boots. | | |
|---------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Dismount | Active Service, Manœuvres and Training parades | Khaki drill apron (no Sporran. sporran.) Black leather shoes. White spats. Khaki spats. Regimental hose tops | Knickerbocker breeches. Brown ankle boots. Puttees. | Knickerbocker breeches. Brown ankle boots. Puttees. | | |
| Mounted Officers | Ceremonial parades | Tartan pantaloons. Black butcher boots. | Tartan pantaloons. Black butcher boots. | Tartan pantaloons. Black butcher boots. | | |
| | Active Service, Manœuvres and Training parades | Tartan pantaloons. Black boots. Black leggings. | Tartan pantaloons. Black boots. Black leggings. | (Lowland) Mounted pattern breeches. Tartan pantaloons. Brown ankle boots. Brown leggings. | | |
| | | Highland (Kilted) Regi-Tartan pantaloons. Black boots. Black leggings. | Highland Light Infantry Tartan pantaloons. Black boots. Black leggings. | Scottish (Lowland) Regiments | | |

SECTION III

Details of Uniform of Corps Formed During or Since The Great War.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

- 55. Service Dress.—Universal pattern. Cap and Collar badges in bronze. Officers of the Royal Corps of Signals will be dressed as mounted officers and will wear brown ankle boots and leggings. Officers seconded or attached for duty to the Royal Corps of Signals will wear the service dress uniform of mounted officers of their corps or regiments.
- 56. CAP BADGE.—The figure of Mercury in silver or white metal within a gilt or gilding metal oval bearing the title of the corps, surmounted by a crown.
- 57. COLLAR BADGE.—As for cap badge, but smaller. The collar badges are in pairs.
- 58. Buttons.—Gilt metal, bearing the device of the figure of Mercury and the title of the corps; the title is omitted from the cap and mess dress buttons. On the latter the figure is mounted in silver.
- 59. Sword.—Infantry pattern (Appendix VI, Dress Regulations 1911).
- 60. Forage Cap.—Universal pattern, blue cloth, with blue welts and black oakleaf band.

Mess Dress

- 61. Mess Jacket.—Scarlet cloth, with black cloth roll collar and black pointed cuffs. Cuffs, 6 inches deep at the points and 2\frac{3}{4} inches behind, a 1-inch slit at the back seam. Shoulder straps of scarlet cloth, 1\frac{1}{2} inches wide at the base, tapering to about 1 inch at the points; rounded points, fastened with a small button. The shoulder straps are sewn in at the shoulder. Badges of rank in metal. No buttons on the front of the jacket and no gold braid or piping. Collar badges as described above.
- 62. Mess Waistcoat.—Black cloth, open in front, no collar, fastened with 4 buttons.
- 63. Overalls.—Blue cloth, with a scarlet cloth stripe 2 inches wide down each side seam.
 - 64. Boots.—Wellington, with box spurs.

SURVEYORS OF WORKS, ROYAL ENGINEERS

65. Officers appointed Surveyors of Works R.E. will wear the uniform prescribed for officers of the R.E.

Inspectors of Works for R.E. Services, will continue to wear the uniform at present prescribed for such officers as laid down in Dress Regulations, 1911.

ROYAL TANK CORPS

- 66. Service Dress.—Universal pattern, with the exception that black ankle boots will be substituted for brown, and in the case of mounted officers, black leggings for brown. Mounted officers will wear mounted pattern breeches, and dismounted officers knickerbocker breeches. Collar badges in bronze.
- 67. CAP BADGE.—In silver, a tank encircled by a wreath of laurel and surmounted by the Imperial Crown. Motto "Fear Naught" in a scroll under the tank.
- 68. Collar Badges.—As for cap badge but smaller. The collar badges are in pairs.
- 69. Buttons.—Gilt metal with interwoven monogram "R.T.C." surmounted by a crown.
- 70. Sword.—Infantry pattern (App. VI. Dress Regulations, 1911.)
- 71. Headdress.—A black knitted beret cap of a pattern similar to that worn by non-commissioned officers and men, with badge in silver.
- 72. A special embroidered arm badge of a design representing a tank will be worn on the right upper sleeve of the service dress jacket.

Mess Dress

- 73. Mess Jacket.—Dark blue cloth, with black watered silk roll collar, pointed cuffs 6 inches deep at the points and 23 inches behind, of the same material as the jacket, two buttons of corps pattern on the back seam of the cuff; black twisted silk shoulder cords with gilt metal badges of rank. Gilt metal collar badges of corps pattern.
- 74. Mess Waistcoat.—White washing, roll collar, four buttons of corps pattern.
- 75. Overalls.—Blue cloth, with black cloth stripe 2 inches wide down each side seam.
 - 76. Boots.—Wellington—mounted officers box spurs.

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS

77. Service Dress.—Universal pattern. Cap and collar badges in bronze. Officers will wear mounted pattern breeches, brown ankle boots and leggings. Mounted officers, steel spurs.

- 78. CAP BADGE.—In gilt, letters "A.D.C." in monogram within a wreath surmounted by the crown.
 - 79. COLLAR BADGE.—As for cap badge, but smaller.
- 80. Buttons.—Device as for cap badge. Mess dress buttons will be of gilt metal with the device mounted in silver.
- 81. Sword.—Infantry pattern (Appendix VI, Dress Regulations, 1911).

Forage Cap

82. Forage Cap.—Universal pattern, blue cloth with emerald green cloth band and welts.

Mess Dress

- 83. Mess Jacket.—Blue cloth, with emerald green cloth roll collar and gauntlet shape emerald green cloth cuffs. Cuffs 4 inches deep at the front and 6 inches at the back. Shoulder straps of emerald green cloth 1½ inches wide at the base, tapering to about 1-inch at the points, fastened with a small button. The shoulder straps are sewn in at the shoulder. Badges of rank in metal. Four buttons and buttonholes down the front of the jacket; no gold braid or piping. Collar badges as described above.
- 84. Mess Waistcoat.—Emerald green cloth, no collar, fastened with 4 buttons.
- 85. Overalls.—Blue cloth, with an emerald green cloth stripe 13 inches wide down each side seam.
 - 86. Boots.—Wellington—mounted officers, box spurs.

COLONEL

late THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS

87. As described for The Army Dental Corps, but with the following exceptions.

Service Dress.

- 88. Forage Cap.—As described in para. 107 (b) (v) herein, but with drab cover.
- 89. Jacket.—Gorget patches will be worn as described in para. 105 (b) (vi) herein.
- 90. Buttons.—The Garter and Motto surmounted by a crown; within the Garter the Royal Cypher.
 - 91. Boots.—Brown field, with steel spurs.

Mess Dress

92. MESS JACKET.—Shoulder straps of emerald green cloth edged with ½-inch gold staff pattern lace, fastened with a

small button. Badges of rank in silver embroidery. No buttons on the front of the jacket. No collar badges.

ARMY EDUCATIONAL CORPS

- 93. Service Dress.—Universal pattern. Cap and collar badges in bronze. Mounted officers.—Mounted pattern breeches, brown ankle boots, leggings, and steel spurs. Dismounted officers.—Knickerbocker breeches, brown ankle boots and puttees.
- 94. CAP BADGE.—In gilt. An open book superimposed on crossed rifles and lances, with a scroll below bearing the title of the corps.
 - 95. Collar Badges.—As for cap badge but smaller.
- 96. Buttons. Gilt, with device as for cap badge; the scroll is omitted on the cap and mess dress buttons. On the latter the device is mounted in silver.
- 97. Sword.—Infantry pattern. (App. VI. Dress Regulations 1911.)

Forage Cap

98. Forage Cap. — Universal pattern, blue cloth with Cambridge blue cloth band and welts.

Mess Dress

- 99. Mess Jacket.—Blue cloth with roll collar of Cambridge blue cloth; plain sleeves; two buttons on the back seam of the cuff, shoulder straps of Cambridge blue cloth with rounded points, fastened with a button. Badges of rank and collar badges in metal; no buttons on the front of the jacket; no braid or piping.
- 100. MESS WAISTCOAT.—Blue cloth, open in front, no collar; fastened with 4 buttons.
- 101. Overalls.—Blue cloth with two Cambridge blue cloth stripes, §-inch wide and §-inch apart down the side seams.
 - 102. Boots.—Wellington—mounted officers, box spurs.

SECTION IV

Staff Distinctions, &c.

103. Gorget patches previously authorized in Dress Regulations 1911, except for field-marshals, general officers, brigadiers and substantive colonels, have been abolished and distinguishing armlets substituted. Armlets will be of varying colours for the different formations, and will bear marks or letters indicative of the officer's appointment.

Officers holding the temporary rank of colonel will wear the dress distinctions prescribed for that of a substantive colonel.

Brevet colonels will not wear the dress distinctions prescribed for a substantive colonel.

Aiguillette

- 104. The aiguillette is the distinguishing mark of officers serving on the staff of the army and of officers holding certain personal appointments.
- It is also worn by field-marshals and by officers of the Household Cavalry.
- (i) Patterns of the aiguillettes authorized are described under the appropriate headings of uniform in the Dress Regulations 1911.
- (ii) The aiguillette in worn with the tunic and frock coat—it is not worn in mess dress and service dress.
- (iii) It is worn on the *right* shoulder by field-marshals, military members of the Army Council, personal staffs of the King and of the Royal Family, personal staffs of governors-general and colonial governors and by officers of the Household Cavalry.

In all other cases it is worn on the left shoulder.

(iv) The aiguillette is attached to the shoulder of the tunic and frock coat by a button placed under the outer end of the shoulder cord, and is attached to the top button of the tunic or the lower hook of the collar of the frock coat by a small gold braid loop.

Gorget patches

- 105. Field-marshals, general officers, brigadiers and substantive colonels, will wear gorget patches as noted below.—
 - (a) FOR FIELD-MARSHALS AND GENERAL OFFICERS Except as stated below: scarlet cloth.

EXCEPTIONS ARE:-

- (ii) late Royal Army Medical Corps: dull cherry cloth.
- (iii) Royal Army Ordnance Corps: blue cloth.
- (iv) late Royal Army Veterinary Corps: maroon cloth.
- (v) Chaplain-General and chaplains with the relative rank of general officer: purple cloth.

In each case the gorget patch will have a line of gold oakleaf embroidery down the centre and a small gorget button.

- (b) FOR BRIGADIERS AND SUBSTANTIVE COLONELS.
- (i) Except as stated below: scarlet cloth.

EXCEPTIONS ARE:-

- (ii) late Royal Army Medical Corps: dull cherry cloth.
- (iii) Royal Army Ordnance Corps: blue cloth.
- (iv) late Royal Army Veterinary Corps: maroon cloth.
- (v) Royal Army Pay Corps: yellow cloth.
- (vi) late The Army Dental Corps: emerald green cloth.
- (vii) Chaplains with the relative rank of colonel: purple cloth.

In each case the gorget patch will have a line of silk gimp of the colour of the cloth down the centre, and a small gorget button.

Armlets

106. General officers will not wear armlets. Brigadiers and substantive colonels holding appointments for which armlets are authorized, whether at the War Office or at command, divisional, brigade or area headquarters, will wear the armlets with appropriate lettering as laid down.

Brigadiers and substantive colonels commanding formations will wear the formation armlet *without* distinctive lettering.

The armlets will be of cloth, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, with the distinctive lettering in black cloth, except where otherwise stated. They will be worn by all officers on the *right* arm, above the elbow in service dress, and on the great coat when that article is worn.

Armlets required by officers will be provided by the officers themselves. Sample armlets are at the headquarters of commands for guidance.

Armlets as detailed below with distinctive marks for particular appointments, will be worn:—

(a) War Office.—French grey cloth, with the royal crest in metal, with the following lettering in \(\frac{3}{4}\)-inch black letters below the Royal Crest:—

- M.S. Officers of the Military Secretary's branches.
 - G. Officers of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff's branches.
 - A. Officers of the Adjutant-General's branches.
 - Q. Officers of the Quartermaster-General's branches.
- M.G.O. Officers of the Master-General of the Ordnance's branches.

T.A. Officers of the Territorial Army Directorate.

P. Royal Army Pay Corps Officers.

(b) Command headquarters (Home and Rhine Army).—
Red, black and red, with the following distinctions in \(\frac{3}{4}\)-inch scarlet letters, according to the appointment or employment of the officers concerned:—

A.M.S. Assistant military secretary.

A.D.C. Aides-de-camp.

G. General Staff branch.

(in ½-inch gold embroidery.) Brigadier or colonel in charge of administration.

A. & Q. Officers combining adjutant-general's and quartermaster-general's duties, e.g., assistant-adjutant and quartermaste generals.

A. Adjutant-General's branch of the Staff.

Q. Quartermaster-General's branch of the Staff.

A gun. Royal Artillery.

(in worsted embroidery.)

E. Royal Engineers.

S. Signal Service.

S.T. Supply and Transport Services.

M. Medical Services.

O. Ordnance Services.

V. Veterinary Services.

P.M. Provost Marshal's Officers.

P. Royal Army Pay Corps Officers.

A.E.C. Command Education Officer.

The Camp Quartermaster at Aldershot will wear the Command armlet with the letters "C.Q.M."

(c) Headquarters, London District, and divisional headquarters.—A red armlet with the appropriate distinctive lettering as laid down for officers at a command headquarters.

(d) Brigade headquarters.—A blue armlet with the following distinctive lettering:—

B.M. Brigade major.

S.C. Staff captain.

(e) Area, district and garrison headquarters.—A green armlet with the following distinctive lettering:—

G.A. Garrison adjutant.

Other As laid down for officers at a command officers. headquarters.

Officers holding staff appointments at the Royal Tank Corps Centre will wear the armlet with lettering indicative of the officer's appointment.

(f) Special duties.—

The following will be worn by officers engaged on special duties:—

Officers employed in connection with embarkation movements and transportation of troops

... A white armlet (linen.)

Area fire superintendents ..

.. A drab armlet with the word "FIRE" in blue letters.

Army Signal Service...

.. Blue and white armlet.

- War Correspondents An armlet of black and white alternate vertical stripes, two inches wide, with the word "PRESS" in 3-inch red letters. Armlets will be worn on both arms. Servants to war correspondents will wear similar armlets, but without the word "PRESS."
- (g) Military Attachés and officers holding staff appointments with Military Missions, will wear the armlet laid down for officers at the War Office. The lettering in the case of missions will be as in sub-paragraph (a); that for Military Attachés will be "M.A."
- (h) Armlets at Station: abroad and the Channel Islands.—

 Egypt.—As laid down for command headquarters—
 (sub-para. b.)

 Malta.
 As laid down for divisional headquarters—
 Gibraltar.
 (sub-para. c.)

 Guernsey.
 As laid down for brigade headquarters—
 Jersey.
 (sub-para. d.)
- (i) All stations abroad other than those mentioned above.—
 A blue armlet with the appropriate distinctive lettering as laid down for officers at a command headquarters.

Forage Caps.

107. (a) GENERAL OFFICERS.—Except as stated below, will wear the forage cap, universal pattern, blue cloth with scarlet band and welts, blue welt round crown. Drab top or cover when service dress is worn. Two rows of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, in gold embroidery on blue cloth, the Royal Crest with crossed sword and baton within a laurel wreath, the blade of the sword in silver.

EXCEPTIONS ARE:

(i) late Royal Army Medical Corps.

Universal pattern, blue cloth with dull cherry cloth band and welts. Two rows of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest with crossed sword and baton in gold embroidery on blue cloth within a laurel wreath, the blade of the sword in silver.

(ii) Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Universal pattern, blue cloth, blue band and scarlet welts.

Two rows of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest with crossed sword and baton in gold embroidery on blue cloth within a laurel wreath, the blade of the sword in silver.

(iii) late Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

Universal pattern, blue cloth with band and welts of maroon cloth. Two rows of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest with crossed sword and baton in gold embroidery on blue cloth within a laurel wreath, the blade of the sword in silver.

(iv) Chaplain-General and chaplains with the relative rank of general officer.

Black forage cap with band and welts of purple cloth.

Black buttons and black chinstrap. Two rows of black oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak.

Badge, as for general officer in gold embroidery on black cloth.

(b) Brigadiers and Substantive Colonels.—Except as stated below will wear the forage cap, universal pattern, blue cloth with scarlet band and welts, blue welt round crown. Drab top or cover when service dress is worn. One row of

gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest in gold embroidery on blue cloth.

EXCEPTIONS ARE:-

- (i) late Royal Army Medical Corps. Universal pattern, blue cloth, band and welts of dull cherry cloth, one row of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest in gold embroidery on blue cloth.
- (ii) Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Universal pattern, blue cloth with scarlet welts. One row of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, as for collar of tunic but larger.
- (iii) late Royal Army Veterinary Corps. Universal pattern, blue cloth, with band and welts of maroon cloth. One row of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest in gold embroidery on blue cloth.
- (iv) Royal Army Pay Corps.
 Universal pattern, blue cloth, with band of blue cloth and yellow welts. One row of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest in gold embroidery on blue cloth.
- (v) late The Army Dental Corps. Universal pattern, blue cloth, band and welts of emerald green cloth, one row of gold oak-leaf embroidery on lower edge of peak. Badge, the Royal Crest in gold embroidery on blue cloth.
- (vi) Chaplains with the relative rank of colonel.—Will wear the forage cap with purple band and welts as
 for the Chaplain-General, but with one row of black oak-leaf embroidery on the lower edge of the peak. Badge, in gilt, a cross patee on a plain metal tablet surmounted by a crown.

SECTION V

ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

108. Decorations and medals, except those mentioned below, are worn on the left breast. In full dress they are worn over the sash in Highland and Scottish regiments, and under the pouch belt when this is worn. They are to be worn in a horizontal line, suspended from a single bar of which no part is to be seen, or stitched to the garment, and placed midway between the first and second buttons from the bottom of the collar. In Hussar regiments they will be placed immediately below the top bar of lace on the left breast of the tunic.

Medals will be worn in the order laid down in para. 122.

Medals awarded by the Royal Humane Society or by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will, when authorized, be worn in a position corresponding with war medals, on the right breast.

When the decorations and medals cannot, on account of their number, be suspended from the bar so as to be fully seen, they are to overlap.

Medals are to be worn so as to show the Sovereign's head. The first earned clasp should be worn nearest the medal.

Miniature Decorations and Medals

109. Miniature decorations and medals are worn with mess dress and with evening dress (plain clothes), see paras. 111 and 119.

Miniatures of orders, decorations and medals will be onehalf the size of the full size orders, decorations or medals, except that Knights Grand Cross, Knights Grand Commander, Knights Commander and Commanders or Companions will wear the miniatures laid down in the Statutes of the respective orders.

The miniatures of companionship or membership of an order will not be removed when the broad riband, star, or badge is worn in evening dress (plain clothes), by a Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, &c.

With Full Dress

(See diagrams on pages 41 and 42.)

110. (i) The riband of the Order of the Garter, also that of the Order of the Thistle, is worn over the *left* shoulder and under the waist sash, the badge resting on the right hip and the star affixed to the left breast.

The riband of the Order of St. Patrick is worn over the right shoulder and under the waist sash, the badge resting on the left hip, and the star affixed to the left breast.

(ii) The insignia of the 1st Class (Knight Grand Cross

or Knight Grand Commander) are worn as follows:-

(a) The broad riband over the right shoulder and under the waist sash, the bow from which the badge is suspended resting on the left hip, immediately below the belt or sash. Only one riband is worn.

(b) Stars are worn on the left breast. When two stars are worn that of the senior order is placed directly above the other. Three stars are worn in triangular formation, and four stars are worn in a diamond The star of the senior order is worn on top, except that in the case of three stars it is permissible for the two senior stars to be worn in line on top with the junior star beneath. Not more than four stars are worn at any one time. See diagram No. 1 on page 41.

(iii) The insignia of the 2nd Class (Knight Commander) are worn as follows. The riband with the badge attached is worn round the neck inside and under the collar of the uniform coat. so that the badge hangs outside about \frac{3}{2}-inch below the collar.

(a) Where a Knight Commander is in possession of more than one riband and badge; the remainder will be worn one below the other, beginning about an inch below the senior badge, each suspended from a riband, emerging about \(\frac{3}{4} - \text{inch between the} \) buttons of the tunic. A small eye is stitched inside the tunic to which the riband is fastened by a hook. Not more than three neck badges will be worn at any one time.

(b) Stars are worn on the left breast. The instructions in (ii) (b) above also apply to stars of Knights Commander.

(iv) The insignia of the 3rd Class (Companion or Commander) are ribands and badges worn round the neck. These are worn in the same manner as the ribands and badges of Knights Commander. See (iii) (a) above.

(v) Badges of a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order or badges of the 4th and 5th Class (officer or member) of an order are worn on the left breast in the position assigned

to them.

(vi) For foreign decorations and medals see para. 124.

With Mess Dress

111. Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals will be worn with mess dress on the left lapel of the jacket (by the Household Cavalry on the left breast), in one horizontal line, one inch below the point of the shoulder, suspended from a bar of which no part is to be seen.

(i) The length of the bar must vary with the number of miniatures, but in no case should it project beyond either the lapel or shoulder seam of the jacket. When the miniatures cannot, on account of their number, be suspended from the bar so as to be fully seen, they are to overlap.

(ii) Collar badges, when worn on the mess jacket, will be

placed \(\frac{3}{4}\)-inch below the medals.

(iii) The insignia of the Order of the Garter, the Order of the Thistle, the Order of St. Patrick, the Order of Merit and the Order of Companion of Honour are not worn in miniature.

(iv) With mess dress, stars, ribands and badges (except the ribands and badges of the Order of Merit and

of Companions of Honour) are not worn.

Knights Grand Cross, Knights Grand Commander, Knights Commander, Commanders and Companions wear miniatures of their badges on the left breast, with other miniature decorations and medals.

With Service Dress

112. The following instructions regarding the wearing of orders, decorations and medals with service dress uniform have been approved as a temporary measure—

Orders, decorations and medals will be worn in service

dress uniform by officers on the following occasions.

(b) At military funerals and memorial services connected therewith ... } By all officers.

(c) On ceremonial parades. By officers when actually on parade with their unit or formations.*

Collars and Broad Ribands of Orders (Knights Grand Cross and Knights Grand Commander) will not be worn with service dress.

Stars of Orders.—Stars not exceeding two in number will be worn in line, on the left side, immediately below the medals.

Badges of Orders worn round the neck.—Not more than two such badges will be worn. An officer in possession of one badge will wear it round the neck with the riband under the shirt collar and the badge over the tie; an officer in possession of more than one badge will wear the badge of the senior order as above described, and that of the next senior order suspended from a riband emerging about $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch immediately below the top button-hole of the jacket, a small eye being stitched inside the coat, to which the riband will be fastened by a hook.

^{*} Includes divisional and brigade commanders and their staffs when actually on parade with their formations.

Other Orders, Decorations and Medals.—These will be worn in the prescribed order on the left breast.

For foreign decorations and medals see para. 124.

Length of ribands.—When medals and decorations are worn on the breast the riband will be one inch in length, unless the possession of clasps necessitates it being longer. When two or more medals and decorations are worn they will be so arranged that the lower edges (or lowest point of a star) are in line. The lengths of all ribands will be regulated by that of the decoration or medal which, including any clasps, is the longest. These instructions will apply equally to miniature medals and decorations.

113. Wearing of Ribands without Medals or Decorations.—The ribands will be $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch in length and will be worn on a bar or sewn on the jacket, without intervals, immediately above the left breast pocket of the jacket. When there is not sufficient room to wear the ribands in one row, they will be worn in two or more rows at convenient intervals, not more than $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch apart.

No riband should be covered by the lapel of the service dress jacket.

114. RIBANDS OF FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS.—The ribands of foreign orders, decorations and medals worn on service dress will be the plain riband of the order, decoration or medal, as the case may be, with the exception that those foreign orders that include a "rosette" on the riband of the badge or insignia of the order, in which case a "rosette" will also be worn on the small riband worn in service dress uniform.

Width of Ribands of Foreign Orders and Decorations worn with Service Dress.—The riband of a foreign order or decoration worn with service dress will in all cases be that of the grade or class which most closely conforms in width to that of the British medal riband—i.e., as nearly as possible 1¼ inches.

115. "Semi-knots" to be worn on the Riband of the Legion of Honour.—"Semi-knots" in addition to the rosette will be worn on the riband of the Legion of Honour in service dress by officers who have received the following classes of this decoration.

GRAND CROSS. Two "semi-knots" of gold riband.

GRAND OFFICER. One "semi-knot" of gold and one of silver riband.

COMMANDER. Two "semi-knots" of silver riband.

The gold and silver ribands of which the "semi-knots" are made are \frac{1}{2}-inch in width.

116. Wearing of Orders, Decorations and Medals in Service Dress by Retired Officers.—Retired officers.

officers of the Regular and T.A. Reserve of Officers, officers who have resigned or relinquished their commissions with permission to retain rank, and officers who have been granted permission to wear uniform on special occasions are permitted to wear, on appropriate occasions, orders, decorations and medals with service dress uniform. The method of wearing orders and decorations is shown in para. 112.

117. Emblems Worn on Ribands in "Undress" and SERVICE DRESS TO DENOTE THE POSSESSION OF A BAR OR Bars to certain Decorations and Medals.—The following emblems are worn on the ribands of certain decorations and medals, when worn on "undress" and service dress garments, to denote that the wearer has been awarded a bar or bars to the original decoration or medal for subsequent acts of bravery or for further distinguished conduct in the field:—

Victoria Cross.—A miniature replica of the Victoria Cross. The award of a bar to the original decoration will be marked by the addition of a second miniature Cross on the riband, an additional Cross being added for each bar awarded.

Distinguished Service Order Military Cross Distinguished Conduct Medal or more according to the Military Medal Medal for Meritorious Service 1914 Star

A small silver rose; one number of bars awarded.

A small silver rose in the centre of the riband.

These emblems do not form part of the decoration or medal, and are not to be worn on the riband when the decoration or medal is worn in original on the full dress tunic or service dress jacket, or in miniature on the mess jacket.

118. Wearing of Emblem to Denote the Wearer has BEEN MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.—The emblem (an oakleaf in bronze) is in two sizes and is worn on the Victory medal riband. (a) The larger size is attached to the riband when the medal is worn. It will be affixed to the centre of the riband at an angle of 60 degrees from the inside edge of the riband, stem to the right. (b) The smaller size will be attached to the small riband when the medal is not worn, transversely across the riband, stem to the right.

Additional emblems will not be worn in respect of a second or subsequent mention in despatches.

With Evening Dress

119. The following are the occasions upon which orders, miniature decorations and medals are to be worn with evening dress, viz.:—

(1) At all parties and dinners when the members of the Royal Family referred to below are present.

(The host should notify his guests if any of these members of the Royal Family will be present.)

Their Majesties—

The King and Queen. Their Royal Highnesses—

The Prince of Wales.

The Duke and Duchess of York.

The Duke of Gloucester.

Prince George.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles.

The Princess Royal.

Princess Victoria.

The Duke of Connaught.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll.

Princess Beatrice.

Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone.

(2) At all parties and dinners given in houses of Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to this Court, unless otherwise notified by the Ambassador or Minister concerned.

(A decoration of the country concerned should be worn in preference to a British one, and if both are worn, the former should take precedence of the latter.)

(3) At all official dinners and receptions, including naval and military dinners, dinners of City Livery Companies and public dinners.

(The word "decorations" on the invitation card to be the intimation from the host that the enter-

tainment is an official one.)

(4) On official occasions when entertained by—

The Lord Lieutenant of a county within his county. The High Sheriff of a county within his county.

Cabinet Ministers.

Ex-Cabinet Ministers.

Knights of the Order of the Garter.

Knights of the Order of the Thistle.

Knights of the Order of St. Patrick.

Great Officers of State and of the King's Household.

Lord Mayors and Mayors.

Lord Provosts and Provosts.

(The word "decorations" on the invitation card to be the intimation from the host that the entertainment is an official one.)

Nothing in the above shall affect in any way the practice of the Knights of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle and

St. Patrick with regard to wearing their Insignia in accordance with ancient custom.

120. (a) The riband of the Order of the Garter and that of the Order of the Thistle are worn under the coat, as shown in para. 121 (a) (i) except that the riband will be fastened on the waistcoat at the front of the *left* armhole, the badge resting on the right hip, and the star being affixed to the left breast of the coat. The riband of the Order of St. Patrick will be worn in a similar manner, but fastened at the front of the right armhole, the badge resting on the left hip, and the star being affixed to the left breast of the coat.

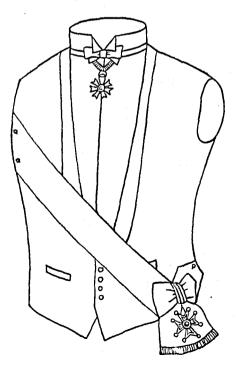
(b) Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders on all occasions, when wearing the stars of their orders, will also

wear a riband and badge.

One badge only is worn round the neck, and as a rule the senior badge is thus worn, unless a junior one should appear to be more appropriate to the occasion. The riband (preferably of miniature width) from which this badge is suspended, is worn under the white tie, the badge hanging about an inch below. All badges are worn also, in miniature, with other decorations and medals, on the lapel of the coat.

121. (a) The insignia of the 1st Class (Knight Grand Cross or Knight Grand Commander) are worn as follows:—

(i) The broad riband is worn on the waistcoat does not pass over the shoulder and down the back as with the uniform coat. It is fastened at the front of the armhole with two holes and buttons and at the opposite hip front by a buttonholed pointed flap (see diagram). The top edge of the riband should be fashioned to avoid sagging and undue covering of the shirt front.



Only one riband is worn.

(ii) Stars are worn on the left breast of the coat. When two stars are worn that of the senior order is placed directly above the other. Three stars are worn in triangular formation, and four stars are worn in a diamond formation. The star of the senior order is worn on top, except that in the case of three stars it is permissible for the two senior stars to be worn in line on top with the junior star beneath. Not more than four stars are worn at any one time.

(b) The insignia of the 2nd Class (Knight Commander) are worn as follows:—

(i) The neck badge (full size) is worn round the neck as directed in para. 120 (b).

(ii) Stars are worn on the left breast. The instructions in para. (a) (ii) above also apply to the stars of

Knight Commanders.

(c) The insignia of the 3rd Class (Companion or Commander) are ribands and badges worn round the neck. These are worn in the same manner as the ribands and badges of Knight Commander; (see para. 120 (b).

The foregoing does not apply to the badge of a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, which is worn on the left breast in the order assigned

to it.

(d) The badges of the 4th and 5th Classes (Officer or Member) are worn on the left breast in the position

assigned to them.

(e) Miniature decorations and medals are worn on the left lapel of the coat in one horizontal line, one inch below the point of the shoulder suspended from a bar, of which no part is to be seen.

(f) The instructions contained in para. 111, sub-paras.(i) and (iii) regarding the wearing of miniature

medals with mess dress will also apply.

(g) For foreign decorations and medals see para. 124.

122. Order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn.

This in no way affects the precedence conferred by the statutes of certain Orders upon the members thereof:—

VICTORIA CROSS.

BRITISH ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, &c.

Order of the Garter.

Order of the Thistle.

Order of St. Patrick.

Order of the Bath.

Order of Merit (immediately after Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath).

Order of the Star of India.

Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Order of the Indian Empire.

Order of the Crown of India.

Royal Victorian Order (Classes I, II and III).

Order of the British Empire (Classes I, II and III).

Order of the Companions of Honour (immediately after Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire).

Distinguished Service Order.

Royal Victorian Order (Class IV).

Order of the British Empire (Class IV).

Imperial Service Order.

Royal Victorian Order (Class V).

Order of the British Empire (Class V).

Note.—The above applies to those Orders of similar grades. When the miniature or riband of a higher grade of a junior Order is worn with that of a lower grade of a senior Order, the higher grade miniature or riband should come first, e.g., the miniature or riband of a K.C.I.E. will come before a C.B., and a G.C.M.G. before a K.C.B.

Decorations.

Royal Red Cross (Class I).

Distinguished Service Cross.

Military Cross.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Air Force Cross.

Roval Red Cross (Class II).

ORDERS GIVEN ONLY IN INDIA. Order of British India.

*Indian Order of Merit (Military).

Kaisar-i-hind Medal.

Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

ALBERT MEDAL.

i.e., MEDALS DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT. FOR

FOR

GALLANTRY.

Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field.

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Military Medal.

Distinguished Flying Medal.

Air Force Medal.

Indian Distinguished Service Medal.

WAR MEDALS (IN ORDER OF DATE).

^{*} The Indian Order of Merit (Military and Civil) is distinct from the Order of Merit instituted in 1902.

POLAR MEDALS.

Arctic Medal, 1815–1855.

Arctic Medal, 1876.

Antarctic Medal, 1901–1903.

MEDALS FOR SAVING LIFE.

Constabulary Medal (Ireland).

Board of Trade Medal for Saving Life at Sea.

*Indian Order of Merit (Civil).

Edward Medal.

King's Police Medal.

JUBILEE, CORONATION AND DURBAR MEDALS.

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal, 1887 (Gold, Silver and Bronze).

Oueen Victoria's Police Jubilee Medal, 1887.

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal, 1897 (Gold, Silver and Bronze).

Queen Victoria's Police Jubilee Medal, 1897. Queen Victoria's Commemoration Medal, 1900 (Ireland).

King Edward's Coronation Medal.

King Edward's Police Coronation Medal.

King Edward's Durbar Medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze).

King Edward's Police Medal, 1903 (Scotland).

King's Visit Commemoration Medal, 1903 (Ireland).

King George's Coronation Medal.

King George's Police Coronation Medal.

King's Visit Police Commemoration Medal, 1911 (Ireland).

King George's Durbar Medal (Gold†, Silver and Bronze).

Efficiency and Long Service Medals.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Medal for Meritorious Service.

Indian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (for Europeans of Indian Army).

Indian Meritorious Service Medal (for Europeans of Indian Army).

Royal Marine Meritorious Service Medal.

Indian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (for Indian Army).

Indian Meritorious Service Medal (for Indian Army).

Volunteer Officers' Décoration.

Volunteer Long Service Medal.

Volunteer Officers' Decoration (for India and the Colonies).

^{*} The Indian Order of Merit (Military and Civil) is distinct from the Order of Merit instituted in 1902.

[†] King George's Durbar Medal in Gold can be worn in Great Britain or Ireland by Ruling Chiefs of India only.

Volunteer Long Service Medal (for India and the Colonies).

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration. Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

Medal for Good Shooting (Naval).

Militia Long Service Medal.

Imperial Yeomanry Long Service Medal.

Territorial Decoration.

Territorial Force Efficiency Medal.

Special Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve.

Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Royal Naval Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service Medal. Board of Trade Rocket Apparatus Long Service Medal.

Special Constabulary Long Service Medal.

King's Medal (for Champion Shots in the Military Forces).

Union of South Africa Commemoration Medal.

MEDALS BELONGING TO ORDERS.

Royal Victorian Medal (Gold and Silver).

Imperial Service Medal.

Medal of the Order of the British Empire.

Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Badge of the Order of the League of Mercy.

Royal Victorian Medal (Bronze).

FOREIGN ORDERS (IN ORDER OF DATE OF AWARD).

Foreign Decorations (in order of date of award). Foreign Medals (in order of date of award).

The insignia of the Orders of the Garter, the Thistle and St. Patrick are not worn in miniature, neither are ribands to

represent them worn in undress and service dress.

The Orders of Merit and of the Companions of Honour are worn in uniform on all occasions except service dress and Nos. 7A and 7B orders of dress ("Undress with forage cap"). They are also worn in evening dress on all occasions when decorations are worn. These orders are never worn in miniature.

123. Order in which medals granted during the Great War will be worn.

Stars and medals approved for service during the Great War, also their ribands, will be worn in the following order:—

1914 Star

or 1914–1915 Star. British War Medal. Mercantile Marine War Medal. Victory Medal. Territorial Force War Medal. India General Service Medal (for operations in Afghanistan, 1919).

124. Foreign Orders, Decorations and Foreign War Medals.—(a) The rules governing the wearing of British Orders and decorations also apply to foreign orders and

decorations for which full permission has been given.

(b) Foreign orders and decorations for which private permission has been given will be worn in full dress, in mess dress, and in evening dress (plain clothes) only on the occasions specified in the letter of authority. The small ribands of such decorations will not be worn in undress or service dress. Miniatures of such decorations will only be worn on the occasions mentioned in the letter of authority when mess dress or evening dress (plain clothes) is worn.

(c) Foreign medals, other than war medals, are governed by

the same rules as foreign decorations.

A foreign war medal, the wearing of which has been sanctioned by His Majesty, or its riband, or miniature, will be worn in all orders of dress in the same way as British medals.

- (d) When attending a function organized by, or for the representative of, a foreign state, the order or neck decoration of that foreign state in possession of the wearer should be given precedence over the British order or decoration usually worn. For instance, it would be more appropriate for the holder of a Legion of Honour badge to wear it at an official dinner at the French Embassy in place of the senior badge usually worn.
- 125. Wearing of Orders, Decorations and Medals by Chaplains of the Royal Army Chaplains Department.—Orders, decorations and medals will be worn by chaplains of the Royal Army Chaplains Department when on duty at parade services.

SECTION VI

DRESS AND UNIFORM OF OFFICERS ATTENDING LEVÉES

UNIFORMS FOR AIDES-DE-CAMP TO THE KING, ETC

- 126. Dress and Uniform of Officers attending Levées.
- 1. (a) Officers in possession of full dress uniform of their rank will wear that dress when attending levées.
- (b) Officers not in possession of full dress uniform will wear service dress uniform.
- 2. The method of wearing orders, decorations and medals is as follows:—

(a) Full Dress Uniform

As shown in the following instructions and diagrams.

Instructions for wearing badges round the neck in full dress uniform by the possessors of the insignia of more than one order which is so worn.

Only one riband and badge, i.e., the senior one, is worn round the neck inside and under the collar of the uniform coat, so that the badge hangs about \(\frac{3}{4}\)-inch outside and below the front of the collar. All other badges are worn, one below the other, commencing about an inch below the senior badge, each suspended from a riband emerging about \(\frac{3}{4}\)-inch between the buttons of the uniform coat. A small eye is stitched inside the coat to which the riband is fastened by a hook. (See diagram No. 1.) Not more than three neck badges will be worn at any one time.

- (b) Service Dress Uniform As prescribed in Section V, para. 112.
- 3. The following particulars will be observed in respect to the wearing of sword belts, swords and pouch belts with full dress uniform:—

(i) Sword belts

These will be worn *under* the tunic (or dress jacket) by all mounted officers (except those of Highland and Scottish regiments, including Scottish Rifles) and by all officers of Rifle regiments (excluding Scottish Rifles) and *over* the tunic or doublet by all other officers. When the web sword belt (with slings attached) is worn under the tunic, the sash, girdle, or waist belt as authorized for the various services will be worn over the tunic.

(ii) Carriage of swords in full dress

(a) The scabbards of officers of dismounted units are hooked up in cases where the waistbelt is worn over the tunic. They

are carried in the left hand by other officers, including mounted officers when on dismounted duties,

- (b) When the sword is carried in the left hand (i.e., not hooked up), the following details will be observed:—
 - (i) Standing at attention. The sword in the scabbard is held upright by the side, the shoe of the scabbard resting on the ground close to the left foot and just in front of the heel of the boot.

The left arm is extended, the hand round the scabbard, thumb in front, fingers in rear, back of the

hand outwards.

- (ii) When walking the sword is raised and the scabbard grasped at the point of balance and held at an angle of 45 degrees with the ground, fingers round the scabbard, thumb along the edge, arm fully extended
- 4. It is not compulsory for swords to be worn by officers attending levées in service dress uniform, except by officers of the Regular Army on the active list and those officers of the Supplementary Reserve and the Territorial Army where a sword is prescribed as part of their uniform.

With service dress uniform the "Sam Browne" belt is worn and at least one brace will be worn with the belt. The frog will be worn whether the sword is carried or not.

POUCH BELTS.

5. These will be worn over the *left* shoulder.

Positions in which insignia of Orders should be worn. Fourth and Fifth Classes of Orders are worn on the breast.

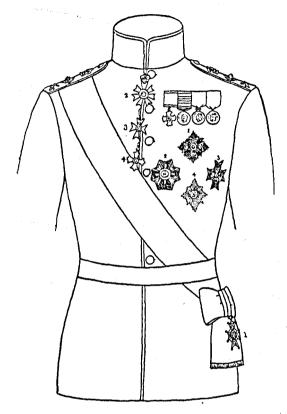
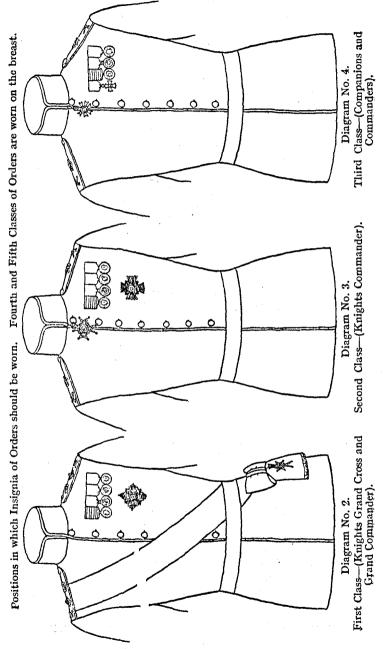


Diagram No. 1.

Stars and neck badges are shown in order of seniority. When two stars are worn, they should be worn one directly above the other, the star of the senior Order being at the top; when three stars are worn they may be worn either with the senior star on top with the two junior stars in line beneath, or with the two senior stars in line on top with the junior star beneath. The diagram shows the position when four stars are worn, which is the maximum number allowed to be worn at any one time. Not more than three neck badges will be worn at any one time.

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127. Uniform for Aides-de-Camp to the King.

The special uniform and horse furniture laid down in paras. 68 to 99, Dress Regulations, 1911, with the exception of the

aiguillette, are abolished.

Aides-de-camp to the King, who are in possession of the uniform and horse furniture formerly prescribed for that appointment, may, however, continue to use it until requiring replacement.

128. Aides-de-camp to the King will wear regimental uniform; brigadiers, substantive colonels and officers holding the honorary rank of brigadier-general or of major-general, the uniform of their rank.

The Royal Cypher and crown will take the place of badges of rank on the shoulder cords or shoulder straps of the tunic, and the aiguillette on the right shoulder will be worn with the

tunic on all occasions.

With mess dress and service dress, the Royal Cypher will be placed below the crown and above the stars on the shoulder straps. In the case of aides-de-camp holding the honorary rank of brigadier-general or major-general, the Royal Cypher will be placed below the crossed sword and baton.

An officer holding the appointment of aide-de-camp to the King, who belongs to a regiment or corps for which no full dress uniform is at present authorized, will wear the full dress uniform prescribed for a "substantive colonel not belonging to a corps" (paras. 226 to 242. Dress Regulations, 1911).

An aide-de-camp to the King belonging to the Territorial Army will wear a silver aiguillette, as laid down in para. 482,

Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1924.

- 129. RETENTION OF INSIGNIA ON SHOULDER STRAPS BY OFFICERS WHO VACATE THE APPOINTMENT OF AIDES-DE-CAMP GENERAL TO THE KING, OR AIDES-DE-CAMP TO THE KING.
 - (i) Ex-aides-de-camp general to the King.—An aide-de-camp general after vacating the appointment will wear the Royal Cypher in miniature on the shoulder straps or shoulder cords of all uniform garments.
 - (ii) Ex-aides-de-camp to the King.
 - (a) Officers who vacate the appointment of aide-decamp to the King on promotion to the substantive rank of major-general will cease to wear the Royal Cypher and crown.
 - (b) Ex-aides-de-camp to the King who have not been promoted to the substantive rank of major general will continue to wear the Royal Cypher

and crown on all uniform garments, but the insignia will be in miniature.

(iii) The Royal Cypher and crown will be worn by ex-aidescamp to the King on retirement as follows:—

Honorary Major-Generals and Brigadier-Generals.

The Royal Cypher and crown (in miniature) will be placed immediately below the crossed swords and baton.

Brigadiers and Colonels.

- The Royal Cypher (in miniature) will be placed immediately above the stars, the crown which forms part of the badges of rank will serve also as the crown which is part of the Royal Cypher and crown.
- (iv) Lord-Lieutenants.—A Lord-Lieutenant who is an exaide-de-camp to the King, may wear the Royal Cypher and crown with the lord-lieutenant's full dress uniform.
- 130. Honorary Physicians and Honorary Surgeons to the King.—Officers holding these appointments will wear the Royal Cypher and aiguillette.

The aiguillette (as prescribed for an aide-de-camp to the King) will be worn on the right shoulder, it will not be worn

in mess dress or service dress.

These devices will not be worn when the officers have ceased to hold the appointments.

The Royal Cypher will be worn as under:-

Honorary Physicians and Honorary Surgeons to the King.— The Royal Cypher and crown will take the place of badges of rank on the shoulder cords or shoulder straps of the full dress tunic.

With mess dress, undress and service dress, general officers will wear the Royal Cypher immed-

iately below the crossed swords and baton.

In the case of colonels, the Royal Cypher will be placed immediately above the stars and below the crown.

131. Honorary Chaplains to the King.—The Royal Cypher will be worn in mess dress and service dress as described in para. 130. This distinction will not be worn when the officers have ceased to hold the appointment.

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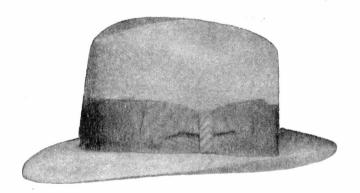
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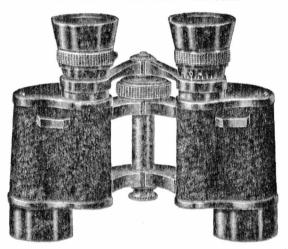
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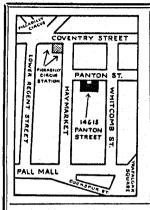
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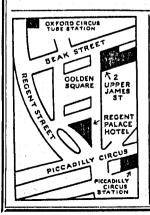
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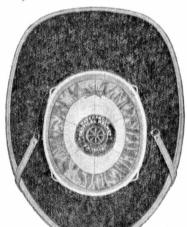




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